pluralism and respect of human rights. President Rajapaksa reaffirmed Sri Lanka's support for India's candidature for permanent membership of the UNSC.

(d) Nil.

(e) Does not arise.

(f) and (g) Yes, the Sri Lankan President invited the President and the Prime Minister of India to visit Sri Lanka at mutually convenient dates.

Loans to wind power sector

448. SHRIC. PERUMAL: Will the Minister of NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Reserve Bank of India has decided to include loans given to the wind power sector under priority sector lending;

(b) if so, whether his Ministry has taken up the issue with the Ministry of Finance to instruct Reserve Bank of India in this regard;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF **NON-**CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES (SHRI VILAS MUTTEMWAR): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) and (d) The Indian Wind Power Association had approached the Reserve Bank of India directly in September 2005 and in response the Reserve Bank of India has observed that if infrastructure sector, to which wind power belongs, were to be included under priority sector lending then other segments of the priority sector (particularly the small borrowers) might be affected.